IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle inner belt molding to be fitted along an interior of an opening edge of an elevating window in a vehicle, wherein the vehicle has a door inner panel and a trim board being attached to the door inner panel and having a downward flange portion protruding downwardly from a position that is interior of an outer end of the trim board and that is exterior of an upper-edge flange portion of the door inner panel, the vehicle inner belt molding comprising:

a fitting portion to be attached to ~~a vehicle body~~ the door inner panel; and

a sealing lip formed integrally with an exterior side of the fitting portion to be in elastic contact with an inner surface of ~~a windowpane of~~ the elevating window[[;]],

wherein the fitting portion has an upward opening groove fittable with the downward flange portion,

wherein the upward opening groove has a projection projecting from a wall of the upward opening groove, and

wherein the fitting portion includes an outer fitting portion having the upward opening groove and an inner fitting portion having a downward opening groove for receiving the upper-edge flange portion of the door inner panel.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, wherein the projection ~~the upward opening groove~~ is ~~provided with at least one~~ a gripping lip ~~for gripping~~ provided on a side wall of the upward opening groove and configured to grip the

downward flange portion ~~to prevent the downward flange portion from coming off~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein:

the projection ~~the upward opening groove~~ is ~~provided with at least one~~ a gripping lip ~~for gripping~~ provided on a side wall of the upward opening groove and configured to grip the downward flange portion ~~to prevent the downward flange portion from coming off~~; and

the downward opening groove is provided with at least one gripping lip ~~for gripping~~ configured to grip the upper-edge flange portion ~~to prevent the upper-edge flange portion from coming off~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, further comprising:

a cloth pressing piece protruding upward from the exterior side of the fitting portion;

wherein the cloth pressing piece ~~presses~~ is configured to press an end portion of a cloth covering a surface of the trim board when the downward flange portion is fitted into the upward opening groove.

6. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, wherein:

the fitting portion has a positioning slit partially crossing therethrough; and

the positioning slit is configured to be engageable with a positioning rib projecting downward from a back surface of the trim board.

7. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 6, wherein a thickness of the positioning rib is smaller than a width of the positioning ~~slits~~ slit.

8. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 7, wherein:

~~the positioning slit includes~~ at least two ~~of~~ positioning slits are arranged at a predetermined interval in a longitudinal direction of the fitting portion[[;]] and are configured to receive ~~the positioning rib includes~~ at least two ~~of~~ positioning ribs ~~to be fitted into the positioning slits~~; and

the two ~~of~~ positioning slits are formed so that the opposing surfaces of the two ~~of~~ positioning ribs are brought into contact with inner-side surfaces of the two ~~of~~ positioning slits when the two ~~of~~ positioning ribs are fitted into the two ~~of~~ positioning slits.

9. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 7, wherein:

~~the positioning slit includes~~ at least two ~~of~~ positioning slits are arranged at a predetermined interval in a longitudinal direction of the fitting portion[[;]] and are configured to receive ~~the positioning rib includes~~ at least two ~~of~~ positioning ribs ~~to be fitted into the positioning slits~~; and

the two ~~of~~ positioning slits are formed so that the outer-side surfaces of the two ~~of~~ positioning ribs are brought into contact with outer-side surfaces of ~~the~~ two ~~of~~ adjacent positioning slits when the two ~~of~~ positioning ribs are fitted into the two ~~of~~ positioning slits.

10. (Currently Amended) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 6, further comprising:

a core member embedded in the fitting portion in the longitudinal direction thereof, the core member made of a ~~plate-like~~ material having an expansion resistance and a rigidity

both larger than those of the fitting portion;

wherein the core member has a cross sectional shape substantially similar to that of at least a part of the fitting portion.

11. (Original) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, wherein the fitting portion is made of thermoplastic elastomer material.

12. (Original) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, wherein the sealing lip is made of a material which is capable of fusion-bonding to the fitting portion and which is softer and more elastic than the fitting portion.

13. (Currently Amended) A sealing structure of an elevating window in a vehicle, comprising:

a vehicle inner belt molding to be fitted along an interior side of an opening edge of the elevating window, the vehicle inner belt molding including a fitting portion configured to be attached to ~~a~~ the vehicle ~~body~~ and a sealing lip formed integrally with an exterior side of the fitting portion to be in elastic contact with an inner surface of ~~a window pane of~~ the elevating window; and

a trim board disposed inside of the elevating window, the trim board having a downward flange portion protruding therefrom ~~from a position interior of an outer end thereof~~;

wherein the fitting portion has an upward opening groove fittable with the downward flange portion~~; and~~,

wherein the vehicle inner belt molding is attached to the trim board by inserting the downward flange portion into the upward opening groove, and

wherein the upward opening groove has a projection projecting from a wall of the upward opening groove.

14. (Original) The sealing structure according to claim 13,

wherein the fitting portion includes an outer fitting portion having the upward opening groove and an inner fitting portion to be positioned interior of the outer fitting portion;

the outer fitting portion has a positioning slit partially crossing therethrough;

the trim board has a positioning rib projecting downward from a back surface thereof; and

the inner belt molding is attached to the downward flange portion while being positioned in a longitudinal direction by inserting the positioning rib into the positioning slits.

15. (New) The sealing structure according to claim 13, wherein the projection is a gripping lip provided on a side wall of the upward opening groove and configured to grip the downward flange portion.

16. (New) The sealing structure according to claim 13, wherein the projection is a holding lip provided on a bottom wall of the upward opening groove, said holding lip being elastically deformable.

17. (New) The sealing structure according to claim 13, wherein the projection is a latching stripe provided on a side wall of the upward opening groove, said latching stripe being configured to be received within a recess on the downward flange portion.

18. (New) A sealing structure of an elevating window in a vehicle, comprising:

a vehicle inner belt molding to be fitted along an interior side of an opening edge of the elevating window, the vehicle inner belt molding including a fitting portion configured to

be attached to the vehicle and a sealing lip formed integrally with an exterior side of the fitting portion to be in elastic contact with an inner surface of the elevating window; and

a trim board disposed inside of the elevating window, the trim board having a downward flange portion protruding therefrom,

wherein the fitting portion has an upward opening groove fittable with the downward flange portion,

wherein the vehicle inner belt molding is attached to the trim board by inserting the downward flange portion into the upward opening groove,

wherein the fitting portion has a positioning slit partially crossing therethrough, and

wherein a back surface of the trim board has a positioning rib projecting downward therefrom, the positioning rib being engageable with the positioning slit, and the positioning rib being unitary with the trim board.

19. (New) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, wherein the projection is a holding lip provided on a bottom wall of the upward opening groove, said holding lip being elastically deformable.

20. (New) The vehicle inner belt molding according to claim 1, wherein the projection is a latching stripe provided on a side wall of the upward opening groove, said latching stripe being configured to be received within a recess on the downward flange portion.